are educative and very good. Similarly, many of the serials|programmes for children telecast on TV are undoubtedly educative and provide healthy entertainment. In view of this, the Government is not thinking of interventing in the matter at present.

Traffic on National Highway 47

896. SHRI K. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any increase in vehicular traffic on National Highways in Kerala, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether in view of the increased volume of traffic on National Highway 47, there is any proposal under Government consideration to double the highway to ease traffic and reduce number of accidents; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, what other steps are proposed to be taken to ease traffic on National Highway 47 in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir. There is an increase in vehicular traffic on National Highways in Kerala. On an average, increase has been about 9 per cent per annum on NH 47 and about 13 per cent per annum on NH 17.

(b) Four laning of NH 47 in the reach between Alwaye and Cochin is included in the current Five Year Plan and the investiagtion work thereon is in progress.

(c) Does not arise.

रांची से हवाई जहाज की उड़ान 409/410 का विलम्बित तथा अनियमित होना

897. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि रांची से उड़ान भरने वाले हवाई जहाज की उड़ान संख्या 409/410 के पहुंचने तथा उसके प्रस्थान में विलम्ब होता है ; और यदि हां, तो नवम्बर, 87 से मार्च, 1988 की अवधि के बीच उक्त उड़ान किस किस तारीख को पहुंची तो सही किन्तु तकनीकी कारणों से रांची हवाई अड्डे पर उतर न सकी ;

(ख) उक्त उड़ानों के रांची न उतर पाने की स्थिति में यात्रियों को ठहराने, किराये की राशि लौटाने तथा अन्य मदों पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई ; और

(ग) उक्त उड़ान सुरक्षित ढंग रांची उतरे, इसके लिए सरकार ने क्या उपाय किये हैं ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) : (क) नवम्बर, 1987 से मार्च, 1988 की अवधि के दौरान ऐसा कोई अवसर नहीं था जब इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की उड़ान संख्या आई सी–409/410 रांची हवाई अड्डे पर न उतर सकी हो । लेकिन तकनीकी कारणों से रांची में तीन अवसरों पर अर्थात् 18–11–1987, 22–12–1987 और 16–1–1988 को उड़ान में विलम्ब हुआ था ।

(ख) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स ने 1,57,643 रुपए का कुल खर्च किया ।

(ग) सरकार द्वारा कोई विशेष उपायों को आवश्यक नहीं समझा गया ।

Extension of Railway line from Rishikesh to Karan Prayag

898. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Miaister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that near about the First World War period a survey was conducted for extending the railway line from Rishikesh to Karan Prayag; if so, what was the outcome; and

(b) whether Government propose to extend the line onwards off Rishikesh to the holy shrines in view of (i) the border area having become sensitive resulting in troops movement (ii) visit of a large number of Indian pilgrims from different parts of the country to Badri-Kedarnath and (iii) the development of the backward hilly areas of Garhwal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Reconnaissance Survey conducted in 1920s, the length of the N.G. line was about 161 km. More details are not available.

(b) Construction of this rail line in difficult mountaineous terrain involving very heavy investment is not proposed at present.

Attendants in A.C.-I AC-II and First Class Compartments

899. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of conductors and attendants who worked in A.C-I, A.C.-II and 1st class compartments of superfast trains during the last financial year;

(b) what had been the number of conductors and attendants of upper classes with the number of superfast trains during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(c) the details of facilities and allowances provided to the running staff of superfast trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The information regarding number of conductors and attendants in A.C.-I, A.C.-II and First Class Compartments of Superfast trains as on 31.3.86, 31.3.87 and 31.3.88 is being collected from the Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Information is being collected from the Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Teaching of Urdu in States which have not implemented three language formula

900. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States which have not yet implemented the three language formula and where Urdu speaking people constitute a considerable portion of the population;

(b) what action has been taken by Government to make these states implement the three language formula; and

(c) what is the position of Urdu in these States where the Urdu speaking people constitute a considerable portion of the population and where the three language formula has not been implemented and whether there are adequate arrangements for the teaching of Urdu at all levels of education in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Three Language Formula for teaching of languages in schools has been recommended in the Education Policy Resolution, 1968 and reiterated in the National Policy on Education, 1986. The Government of India has been urging the States/Union Territories from time to time to faithfully implement it. However, the school education is looked after primarily by the State Governments. All the States have, in principle, accepted the Three Lan-